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Here's the latest from R3:

The spill occurred at the Charleston Facility (1015 BARLOW DRIVE).

We do not have an enforcement history with the facility where the spill occurred.

EPA does have some limited experience with the owner – at their other facility

The POCA Blending facility in Nitro WV – was the subject of a multimedia inspection as part of the Region 3 Huntington WV initiative on 11/3 2009. Which included support from Region 4, Region 5 and NEIC . Poca was inspected by NEIC staff, for RCRA, SPCC, and Storm water.

- The facility was covered by a Multi sector general permit for Storm water, and was in compliance with the permit at that time.
- The facility has an RCRA ID #WVR000508473 – they were in compliance at the time of the inspection. – materials onsite were non-hazardous
- The inspectors had concerns that the facility did not have a SPCC plan and were storing oil onsite. At that time, the facility was not subject to the SPCC regulations, but the Regulations had been recently changed and the facility would become subject once the effective date of the changes passed.

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Many thanks,

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adding Raquel. She has been responding to HEc and T&I inquiries and working with OECA and R3. I believe the current press/Congressional statement is more recent than Shawn's update, but fyi for Raquel.

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Posted below is from Shawn Garvin. If you all can find out what Congressional District this is in that would be helpful.

Here is the latest as of 9:50. I will keep you updated. Let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks

Overview of incident and Status of Response - Fran Burns/Dave Wright
Update: OSC Matlock and OPR Coordination Activities –
Update: Water Treatment Plant Status - Patty Wisniewski
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BACKGROUND: Yesterday, there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is an old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: EPA OSCs Matlock and Linden are enroute to Charleston with START contractor to assist in any sampling activities if requested. They have been in contact with FEMA and will meet up with the IMAT (incident management assistance team) upon his arrival. In anticipation that we will need to staff the ESF-10 desk at the FEMA Region 3 Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC), the RRC has sent a request for availability to the RSC membership for volunteers to serve as Watchstander at the FEMA offices here in Philadelphia. Until 7:00 pm this evening, Fred MacMillan from HSCD is scheduled to staff the ESF-10 desk.

As always, we will follow the RICT protocols for deployment of any RSC staff which includes: 1) reminding the RSC members to discuss with their supervisor their interest prior to volunteering; 2) obtaining Deputy Director approval/clearance prior to deployment; and, 3) checking with ORC on whether the employee to be deployed is needed for any enforcement matters.

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